

The State Archives Department maintains the Directorate of Archives, National Register of Records Wing and Archives Repositories at Srinagar, Jammu and Leh. The Department is under the administrative control of the Chief Secretariat General Department and is headed by the Director of Archives assisted by an Assistant Director and the Superintendents of the repositories.

Budget : For 1976-77 a sum of Rs. 2,58,000 was spent out of the Budget Provisions of Rs. 2,72,200 on the non-plan side and a sum of Rs. 25,000 was spent against the budget provision of the same amount on the plan side. For 1977-78 budget provision of Rs. 2,84,600 is made on the non plan side and Rs. 65,000 on the plan side.

Rs. 60,000 have been earmarked for 1977-78 for the development of Archives.

Building : Directorate Office and State Archives Repositories at Srinagar and Jammu are housed in the Government buildings. While Leh Repository is housed in Tehsil building at Leh, some additional space has been provided to the State Archives, Srinagar in 1976.

Record Management : The records of the following Departments were examined during the year 1976-77: (a) Settlement records; (b) Chief Ministers Secretariat (Private Office); (c) Home Department; (d) Revenue Department; (e) General Department; (f) Law Department; (g) Ladakh Affairs; (h) Social Welfare Department; (i) Divisional Commissioners Office. A fresh retention schedule is yet under consideration of the State Government.

Research and Reference : 60 Research Scholars availed themselves of the research facilities and 300 queries from private agencies/individuals were attended to. 550 requisitions from various Government offices were also attended to.

Publication Programme : The proposal regarding publication programme is yet under consideration of the Government.

Preservation of Records : Nearly 12,000 pages and 450 files were repaired and 550 books and gazettes were bound.

Photo-Duplication : The Archives has no micro-filming unit of its own.

Library : 95 books and 135 documents/manuscript papers were acquired.

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Administration : The Karnataka State Archives is working on an ad-hoc basis in the absence of trained and permanent staff. Recently the cadre and recruitment rules have been issued and the Karnataka Public Service Commission is interviewing candidates for the posts. The development of Archives in this State is included under the Plan-scheme.

Budget : During 1976-77 a sum of Rs. 2,47,000 was spent out of the budget provision of Rs. 2,79,000 on the non-plan side and on the plan side a sum of Rs. 1,49,000 was spent out of the budget provision of Rs. 5,00,000. For 1977-78 a provision of Rs. 4,19,000 was made on the non plan side and a sum of Rs. 5,00,000 on the plan side.

Building : The State Archives does not occupy a separate building of its own. Efforts are being made to procure a building for housing the Archives. This is under consideration of Government.

Record Management : Karnataka Government Secretariat time-barred "C" collection files relating to the period 1957—69 were examined and 14 per cent of which were found fit for retention. The records are appraised on the basis of guidelines laid down by the Director, Karnataka State Archives.

Research and Reference : About 14 scholars availed themselves of the research facilities while 500 queries from private agencies/individuals were attended to. 33,528 records were requisitioned by government agencies and 1,298 by research scholars.

Reference Media : Six lists of Acts, Rules, Codes, Reports etc. deposited in the Reference Library were listed.

Publication Programme : Under the project 'Karnataka Letters', Volume I, 'Archival History of Mysore' is under print. It comprises the correspondence of Dewan K. Sheshadri Iyer with contemporaneous Residents and Assistant Residents. The work on next volumes comprising letters and papers of Dewan Krishna Murthy, Dewan Madhavarao and Anandarao was carried out, and is expected to be sent to the press. There is also a proposal to publish a collection of letters entitled 'Fort St. George Letters' to the Court of Directors, London 1791-92.

Preservation of Records : The bindery unit has been established and the preservation material purchased.

Photo-Duplication : The Department has its own microfilming unit. But due to want of technical staff it was not possible to carry out any work during the period under review.

Library : During the period under review, 131 books were acquired.

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Administration : The Karnataka State Archives is working on an ad hoc basis in the absence of trained and permanent staff. Recently the Cadre and Recruitment Rules have been framed and the Karnataka State Public Service Commission has interviewed candidates for the posts. Until the sanctioned staff is recruited, temporary candidates and officials on deputation would continue to man the Archives. Despite the handicaps, considerable work has been done in the Historical Records Section. A large number of documents were classified and catalogued. A new micro-film unit has been installed and it is expected to start functioning shortly. There is also a proposal to translate documents in its custody in vernacular languages.